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BULGAR-RUMANIAN TARIFF
DISCRIMINATES AGAINST TURKEY

CHARGES HIGHER FOR CERTAIN GOODS -- Verkehr, No 8, 2 Feb 50

The Bulgarian-Rumanian collective tariff agreement contains a peculiar regulation providing that some specified goods categories be excluded from the freight rates established for miscellaneous goods and shipped at a higher rate. For example, according to Tariff 107, the freight rate for Rumanian paraffin between Ruse and the Turkish border at Svilengrad amounts to 775 SCMTS /Schillings per metric ton⁷ for up to 5 tons, 644 for up to 10 tons, and 565 for up to 15 tons, whereas miscellaneous articles are carried for 620 SCMTS for up to 5 tons, 556 for up to 10 tons, and 488 for up to 15 tons.

Likewise, higher transshipment rates are to be paid under Tariff 108 for acids, under Tariff 118 for glass and glassware, under Tariff 119 for zinc and zinc products, under Tariff 121 for electrical machines and appliances, and under Tariff 122 for transport equipment. It appears, however, that both the Rumanian and Bulgarian state railroads are proceeding to reduce these high Tariffs, and it is expected that they will be coordinated with those paid for all other goods categories.

It is possible also that some of the high figures are due to missprints resulting from too hasty publication of the tariff. However, it has been explicitly stated that the lower rates paid for miscellaneous goods may not be applied to goods specified in the tariff.

KRUNIC HEADS REPUBLIC IMPORT - EXPORT MINISTRY -- Borba, No 150, 25 Jun 50

Sarajevo, 24 June -- The People's Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina recently issued a decree establishing a Ministry of Import and Export, which is to be headed by Minister Vido Krunic, formerly director of the "Tehnopromet" (Technical Trade) Federal Enterprise of Import and Export.

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